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1. A large number of refugees were fleeing the larger cities and villages in the area of the 38th Parallel and in Hwanghae Province to escape ☐ air attacks. The North Korean Army and Interior Police were checking the refugees, shooting on the spot young men suspected of rightist tendencies and impressing others of military age into the North Korean Army regardless of their reasons for being in the area. Older persons were seldom checked or molested. 25X1
2. Residents of Yonan (126-10, 37-54) and Kaesong (126-34, 37-58) were refusing to accept payment for goods in North Korean won unless tendered by North Korean soldiers. Republic of Korea currency was welcomed. The vast majority of the residents were certain the ☐ forces would return. 25X1
3. In the Yunbaek-kum (approximately 126-00, 38-00) area, typhus, typhoid, smallpox, and measles were widespread. No measures were taken by the North Korean authorities. It was rumored among the residents that the number of deaths from these diseases was large and increasing.
4. The Chinese Communist troops occasionally carry at the waist a small bottle of strong Chinese wine called pai-kan (baigar). The Chinese Communist and North Korean troops in Hwanghae Province were unaware of any Chinese Communist units being supplied with bottles of opium or other drugs.\*

- \* ☐ Comment. ☐ the Chinese Communist troops in the area of Seoul in mid-February carried an opium liquid compound to drink before attacking. ☐ 25X1
- ☐ 5-6 March 1951 that there was no evidence of the use of drugs by the Chinese Communists in the area of Wonsan. 25X1

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